



Pastor's Pen

In 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Paul considers some benefits of our Savior's resurrection, namely the defeat of death and His being raised to life as the first fruits of the resurrection of His people. Here we see the Christ as the conqueror of our enemy's death and sin. Operating under the sovereignty of God, death is our foe. It is even God's foe as well, for He is the Lord of life. By our sin in Adam, we granted the right for death to claim us as part of the divine curse. By His righteous life, Christ destroyed any claim that death had over Him and those who are united to Him. Death threw its worst at our Lord, killing Him, but our Father was working in all that, using death as His instrument to pour out His wrath on our sin and raising Christ to life to prove that this wrath had been satisfied. By defeating the power of death, Jesus rendered it powerless over His people.

Thus, Jesus is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep; (v. 20). Jesus was raised from the dead for our justification, yes, but He was also raised for our own resurrection. In other words, because Christ was raised from the dead, we will be raised as well. One day, our physical bodies will be resurrected, and we will be glorified, just as Jesus was. We have been united to Christ, having died to sin, and that union means that we are also united to Him in the resurrection (Romans 6:5). Our bodies will not remain in the grave forever. At the last day, our spirits will be reunited with them to live forever in the new heavens and earth.

We must never downplay the glory and importance of our Lord's resurrection. Not only does it provide for His vindication, but it is also the foundation for our own resurrection and victory over death. We do look forward to being in the presence of God at our deaths, but our final hope is the resurrection in which our spirits will be reunited with perfected bodies and when we will forever experience the glorified state that the Lord intended for us from the very beginning.

Pastor John

Renaë's Thoughts

In today's world confidence is often measured by appearance, popularity, or success. How many of us look at the commercials on tv and the ads in the magazines and wish we had the figure, smile, or the long flowing hair of the models? Maybe we wish we had the fancy car or truck that the big wigs of the company you work for have.

No matter our age, we all have found ourselves at one time or another wishing we looked or had the belongings of people that we feel are popular or have it all going. We often lack self confidence and value when we look at ourselves and don't see what God sees.

Psalms 139:13-14, For you created my inner being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

God created each one of us uniquely and with care; He knows us inside and out. Our worth doesn't come from what we do, how we look, or what others think. It comes from the fact that God designed us with purpose and love. Real confidence is knowing we are valued simply because God made us.

Humans are created with such intricate detail and complexity, that it inspires awe and reverence, signifying that we are not just beings, but are made with great care and purpose by God.

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Think about that. We are His handiwork. His masterpiece. He put thought and intention into creating each of us. Our lives were designed by God for a purpose. EACH and EVERYONE of us is perfectly made specifically for a purpose. Even as we all get a little older, He is not done using us. He has a purpose for each and everyone of us on each and every day.

We can't focus on what is temporary tags such as:

- Popularity
- Success
- Attractiveness
- Wealth

These things are temporary values and don't last. Our real value comes from labels that carry value:

- Child of God
- Loved
- Forgiven
- Strong in faith
- Created with a purpose.

There should be no one with insecurities if we truly know who's we are. We are Children of God. Loved by the Creator and destined for His purpose. By focusing on our identity in Christ, we develop confidence and see ourselves as God sees us: fearfully and wonderfully made with purpose and love.

Renaë Lind
Youth Director

Tue., 1st	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 2nd	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Apr. 4 & 5	Design Team/ Men's Ministry Brat Fry
Sat., 5th	5:00 p.m. Family Game Night @ Bethel
Sun., 6th	9:20 am. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages, Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Bestway Drivers Ed Class 7:00 p.m. Alto Church Men's Chorus
Tue., 8th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering Potluck & Fellowship
Wed., 9th	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Thu., 10th	5:45 p.m. Executive Meeting 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting
Fri., 11th	5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., 12th	Wedding of Wegner/Norton
Sun., 13th	9:20 am. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages, Fellowship, Deacon's Meeting 4:00 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bestway Drivers Ed Class
Tue., 15th	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1;00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 15th	12:00 p.m. 75+ Spring Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Thu., 17th	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion served
Fri., 18th	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service. Will be streamed live
Sun., 20th	7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Easter Service-NO Fellowship & Sunday School
Tue., 22nd	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 23rd	6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
Sun., 27th	9:20 am. Prayer Time, Youth Room 9:30 a.m. Worship-Special Offering for Care Team 10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages, Fellowship, Deacon's Meeting 4:00 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bestway Drivers Ed Class
Apr. 28-May 1	Pastor Vacation
Tue., 29th	1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
Wed., 30th	1:00 p.m. Dementia Caregivers Group 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group





1st Bruce Belmer
Tara Bos
2nd Lexi Dahlke
3rd Chase Hoinacki
7th Teresa Schmuhl
Aaron Beekman
8th Ann Mulder
11th Lennis Hiemstra
12th Maci Hoinacki
14th Makayla Martinek
16th Elizabeth Schmuhl
Owen Beekman
17th Jennifer Erdahl
Shelly Freiberg
Sam Owens
18th Betty DeBoer
19th Les Hiemstra
20th Nick Kamphuis
Josh & Krista Schliepp
21st Adelynn Knox
Pastor John
22nd Reed Redeker
24th Jean TerBeest
Coty Hiemstra
Eric Mulder
Rhett Huebschman
25th Herb Beekman
Shyanne VandeBerg
Rick Redeker
Allison Owens
Jeff & Jane Brown
27th Nash Weideman
Bill & Renae Lind
28th Levi Phillips
29th Arlene VandeBerg
Jeff & Bree Gunnink
Steve & Karen Smit
30th Zach DeBoer
Angie Smit

SOUND

6th Kelly VandeZande
13th Harley Coehoorn
20th Merwin Kimble
27th Kelly VandeZande

LIFT

6th Rick Redeker
13th Bob Winkel
20th Floyd Smit
27th Harley Coehoorn

GREETERS

6th Jon Post
13th Shelly Hiemstra
20th Bob Winkel
27th Dallas VandeSlunt

LITURGIST

6th Shelly Hiemstra
13th Sandy VandeZande
20th Karen Redeker
27th Jen Post

NURSERY

6th Cole Arndt & Nariah Lind
13th Sadie Newbury
20th Lori Coehoorn
27th Lena Arndt & Cameron Hiemstra

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6th Julie Brown
20th Danica Riedeman

FELLOWSHIP

6th Kelly VandeZande
13th Byron Navis
20th Brian Brown
27th Jared Hoinacki

DVD DELIVERY

6th Karen Redeker
13th Charlene Kamphuis
20th Rosanne Bresser
27th Jeanette Winkel

MISSIONARY REVIEW

RHONDA JOHNSON - GLOBAL FINGERPRINTS

R and R, sisters sharing similar dimples and tawny curls, attended Vacation Bible school when the GlobalFingerprints ministry was launched in northern Brazil in April of 2023. They were lively and engaged in all the activities, from worship to Bible lessons, crafts to snacks. Yet, when the staff took us on a tour of the neighborhood, we came face to face with the reality of their lives.



Like 40% of the people in this part of Brazil, these girls live in extreme poverty. The home's floor was dirt, the neighborhood plagued with drug trafficking and gangs. Yet, they were blessed to have a home constructed of unfinished concrete block in an area prone to regular flooding. In spite of these hardships, they beamed to welcome visitors to their neighborhood.

Global poverty statistics echo this reality around the world. Approximately 333 million children are living in extreme poverty, surviving on less than \$2.15 per day. Children make up more than half of the global poor, despite constituting only 31% of the total global population.





Please sign up on the Easter Lily sheet at the Information Table if you would like an Easter Lily to honor a loved one or as a memorial for a loved one. The cost for Easter lilies are \$10.00 each and you may take the lily home after the Easter Worship Service.



March 17, 2025 Elders Meeting

- Baptism for James Daniel Brown, son of Dan & Marissa will be held on April 6.
- Dallas VandeSlunt is mentoring a student for membership.
- Communion is being given to shut ins on March 18.
- Holy Week cards are printed and decisions are being made as how to pass them out.
- Education meeting will be held on March 16 @ 8:30 a.m.
- VBS dates are July 28-Aug. 1.
- New Sunday School materials is being discussed.
- Quote has been received for the updating of the sound system.



April 13	9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
April 17	7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday with communion served
April 18	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service which will also be live streamed
April 20	7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
	8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m. Easter Worship
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR FELLOWSHIP

April 17, 2025 Community Supper Bethel Church - Brandon

Bethel Church will be hosting a community supper on Thursday, April 17, 2025 prior to our Maundy Thursday service. Come and enjoy a free meal as we get to know each other. The meal starts at 6 pm prior to the service which starts at 7 pm. The Maundy Thursday service will include a narration and communion.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!

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